Statement

Rates of telephone calls in Urban and Rural Areas

(I) *Measured Rate Systems* (Where calls are metered).

(i) *Individual Telephone connections*:

Call range in bi-monthly period	Charges per call unit for calls in a bi-monthly period
Upto 275 calls.	Free.
From 276 calls to 2000 calls.	80 paise.
From 2001 to 5000 calls.	Rs. 1/-
In excess of 5000 calls.	Rs. 1.25
(ii) Local Public Telephones.	Rs. 1/- per local call.

(II) *Flat Rate Systems* (Where calls are not metered).

(i) Under the flat system, only a fixed annual/ bi-monthly rental is charged. No separate call fees are charged for local calls.

(ii) Local Public Telephones. 50 paise per local call.

STD Facilities in Maharashtra

3262. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV:

SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cities which are linked with STD facilities in the country;

(b) what is the number of cities in Maharashtra which are linked by STD facilities; and

(c) what is the present stage of linking Nanded and Parbhani districts of Maharasthra with STD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) 566 cities are linked with STD facilities in the country.

(b) 40 cities in Maharashtra are linked by STD facilities.

(c) It has been planned to provide STD facility at Nanded during 1988-89 at Prabhani during 1989-90.

Activities of the National Industrial Development Corporation Limited

3263. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the promotional and other activities of the National Industrial Development Corporation Limited, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Corporation is also executing development projects and other assignments for various other organisations/departments; if so what are the details of such projects and assignments at present being handled by the Corporation; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Corporation has taken a policy decision to give priority to the small scale sector to generate more employment and end poverty speedily under the new 20-Point Economic Programme, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) National Industrial Development Corporation Limited's activities include providing detailed engineering services and project management services etc. to its customers and carrying out techno-economic studies on their behalf.

(b) Yes, Sir. Details of some of the major projects being executed by N.I.D.C. at present are given in the statement enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) Where needed, N.I.D.C. engages the services of suitable suppliers and contractors inclusive of vendors in the small scale sector and small entrepreneurs.

Statement

Details of some of the major projects presently under execution by N.I.D.C. Ltd.

(1) Rendering detailed Engineering and Construction Management Services

for the Fibre Optics Plant of Hindustan Cables Ltd. at Naini, Allahabad.

(2) Rendering Engineering Support Services and Development of Computerised Management Information System for the National Technology Mission for Drinking Water for implementation of Water Supply Schemes in various States.

(3) Preparation of detailed Projects, design and detailed engineering, project management and construction management services for Defence Research and Development Organisation at Six Ordance Factories.

(4) Detailed Engineering and Construction Management Services for the Housing Townships of Gas Authority of India Ltd.

(5) Detailed Engineering and Construction Management Services for the implementation of the Civil Works connected with the setting up of centre for Electronics, Design and Technology at Manipur and Mohali.

(6) Detailed Engineering and Construction Management Services for the Dust Extraction System for Bhilai Steel Plant.

(7) Construction Management Services for setting up of 22 Vidyalayas of Nawodaya Vidalaya Samiti.

Sanctioning of petrol pumps and gas agencies in the names of SC/ST persons in Pondicherry

3264. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many petrol pumps and gas agencies have been sanctioned in the Pondicherry region so far in favour of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the public to the effect that such agencies which were allotted to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Pondicherry have been cornered by a few money persons by exploiting the license holders; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) While four Retail Outlets have been allotted to persons belonging to SC/ST category and are in operation at present in the Union Territory of Pondicherry, no LPG distributorship has so far been allotted under this category in this Union Territory;

(b) and (c) One of the oil companies had received an anonymous complaint about a Retails Outlet operating in 'Benami' fashion. The investigation conducted revealed that this complaint was not substantiated.

Village electrification in Orissa

3265. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in Orissa which have been electrified so far;

(b) whether the target fixed for rural electrification in the State during the last three years of the Seventh Year Plan has been achieved;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) how much amount has been allocated during the Seventh Plan period for this purpose?

THE MINISTER O FSTATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) 27,962 villages were electrified in Orissa by the end of June, 1988.

(b) Against the target of electrification of 1560 villages in Orissa during 1985-86, 1141 villages were electrified during the year. During 1986-87 and 1987-88, the targets were achieved.

(c) Severe flood conditions in several parts of the State resulting in diversion of men and materials for restoration work and rendering the sites unsuitable for construction work had contributed to the